



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Roel OTTO

Group Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 10/755,392

Examiner: L. Barnhart

Filed: January 13, 2003

Docket No.: 114698

For: PREPARATION OF LACTIC ACID FROM A PENTOSE-CONTAINING  
SUBSTRATE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 4, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**